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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was decision 58/557 of 23 December 2003,

Recalling further its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 concerning the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and its subsequent resolution 57/315 of 18 June 2003 on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base,[1] the status of the strategic deployment stocks,[2] the field assets control system[3] and the analysis of establishing a global procurement hub for all peacekeeping missions in Brindisi[4] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

[1] A/58/702, A/58/705 and A/58/706.
[2] A/58/707.
[3] A/57/765.
[4] A/58/762.
[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/58/7 and Corr.1), paras. 11.36 and 11.37, A/58/759, A/58/759/Add.9 and A/58/796.

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1. *Notes with appreciation* the facilities provided by the Government of Italy to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[6] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

3. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

4. *Also reiterates* paragraph 2 of its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon expeditiously;

Field assets control system

5. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the field assets control system;[3]

Strategic deployment stocks

6. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks;[2]

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the functioning of existing mechanisms of the strategic deployment stocks, in the light of lessons learned from experiences with mission start-ups;

Global procurement hub

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of establishing a global procurement hub in Brindisi;[4]

9. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;[8]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

11. *Approves* the cost estimates for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi amounting to 28,422,000 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

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[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 7* and corrigendum (A/58/7 and Corr.1) and A/58/759/Add.9.

[7] A/58/796.

[8] A/58/702.

Financing of the budget estimates

12. *Decides* to apply the balance of other income and adjustments in the total amount of 3,173,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

13. *Also decides* that the increase of 9,900 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2003 shall be added to the credits from the amount referred to in paragraph 12 above;

14. *Further decides* to prorate the balance of 25,248,300 dollars among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

15. *Decides* to set off against the balance referred to in paragraph 14 above the estimated staff assessment income of 1,412,500 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, representing the difference between the estimated staff assessment income of 1,560,600 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 and the adjustment in the staff assessment income of 148,100 dollars related to the period ended 30 June 2001, to be prorated among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets;

16. *Also decides* to consider during its fifty-ninth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.